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 On the fruits of grace and light,
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In 1977

Message from Our President

It is my honour and privilege to welcome all Centralites, their family and friends, to our Central Nite 2017. This year's Central Nite is a special one as Jaffna Central College Old Boys' Association of Canada has completed its 25th year in October.



In 2017

Our association was formally inaugurated on October 10th, 1992. It started with an eleven members team under the Presidency of Mr. Krish Jeyanathan, who is our chief guest tonight. In the early years, the cricket match played against St. John's College and the annual Dinner Dance were the only two events of the association. Now, our scope has expanded and we carry out many activities and programs to support our goals which include our annual joint picnic with our sister school Alumni, VOGA and "Mathiya Theepam" a variety of entertainment show.

Through our participation in the various scholarship schemes we have been accomplishing our prime objective "to help and maintain high academic standards at Jaffna Central"; currently we have formed a sub-committee to evaluate the existing scholarship schemes including the new "Educare Trust" formed in the UK. The findings from this sub-committee will enable us to use the resources effectively and efficiently while ensuring transparency and accountability.

Humanitarian activities have occupied a central place in our efforts to foster the values promoted by our founding fathers. Over the last 25 years we have assisted various charities back home and have gone beyond community to support activities of this nature in Canada. Our annual Walk-A-Thon in aid of the Sick Kids Hospital Foundation and currently the Heart and Stroke Foundation are examples of this type of activity.

An organization to reach its quarter century and evolving into this magnitude would not have been possible without dedicated efforts and personal commitments of the past and present executive committees and the supportive membership.

I take this opportunity to salute those senior members who have brought the association to its present stature with their tireless efforts.

At this juncture, I would like to appeal to the younger Centralites in Canada and in the US, to come forward and join the association as members and be part of the executive committee. We are open for innovative ideas to move forward in this dynamic environment with new energy and new perspective. This organization has to go on for many more years for the best interest of our Alma Mater. It is high time for the youngsters to get involved. Our current committee consists of younger members in proportion. I am extremely proud to acknowledge the enthusiasm shown and contribution made by these youngsters besides their high team spirit. We want more of you in their caliber to carry the torch!

Thank you for your presence here tonight and I assure you all a wonderful evening to cherish!!

"Pass the ball from man to man. ...Never selfish play nor faction....."

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President,
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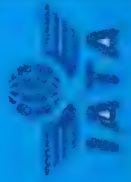
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President/Secretary,
Old Boys' Association,
Canada

I am delighted to express my greetings on the occasion of Get- Together of Centralites - Canada OBA for Dinner-2017. It is indeed a boon and bliss that the progenies of Jaffna Central College, which has recently achieved a milestone of bicentenary, residing across the globe. It is well-known among the stake holders and well-wishers of our institution that having regarded the students of Jaffna Central College as your brothers, you have assisted them in numerous ways in education and sports whenever requested without fail. This should have pleasing to your ear that the scholarship programme for the Jaffna University entrants and undergraduates from Jaffna central College initiated by your senior Old Boys has been revived. The above programme had been interrupted for several years due to change that occurred in the University administration. Late Mr. Mahendiranathan made a contact with relevant official in the University in person and revived the above programme with the assistance of the Old boys. Your collaboration and assistance have indeed made improvements in education and sports in our institution. Besides, the fund 'Edu-care' administered by the old boys would enable us to enrol better students and provide them better education in future. Similarly, if all the Centralites scattered around the world assist us, it is hoped that future central college would fulfil your aspirations and expectations. Having said that all the teachers have made maximum contribution partly due to your contribution and collaboration and that your suggestions and advice would certainly nurture confidence in us. I end my message, congratulating you all on this joyful occasion.

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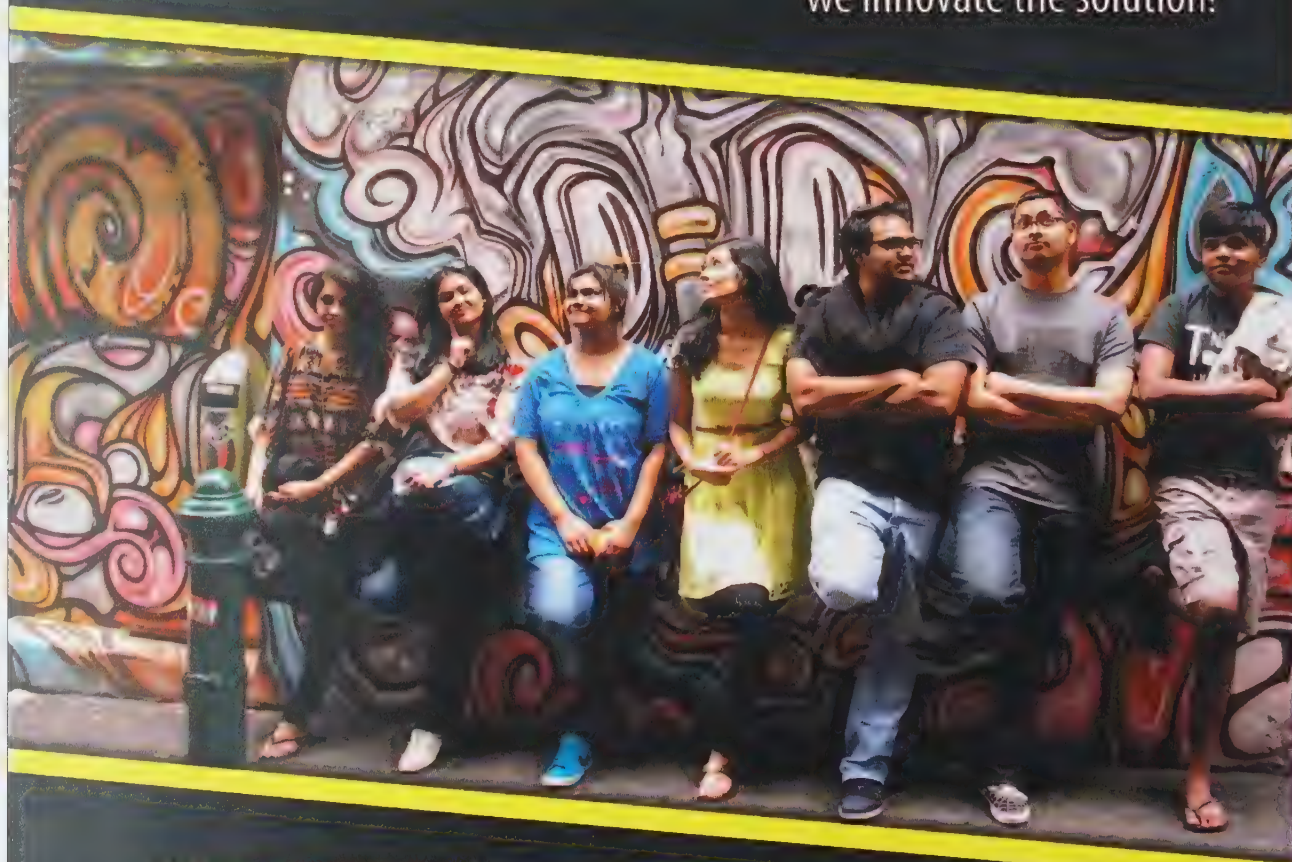
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Jaffna Central College Old Boys' Association of Canada, takes pride in introducing our chief Guest. Mr. Krish Jeayanathan, a distinguished old student and our First President.

Mr. Jeayanathan had his early education at St Thomas College Mt. Lavinia and after the 1958 communal troubles in Colombo he joined Jaffna Central College. During this period Dr. D. T. Niles was the Principal. He was one of the privileged students who got the opportunity to learn under the guidance of some eminent teachers at that time, including Late Mr. Devanathampillai, Late Mr. Paramanathan and Late Mr. Rajaesenan.



Mr. Jeayanathan participated in many extracurricular activities while at Jaffna Central. He played field hockey which was introduced to Jaffna Central College at that time. He was an active member of the Drama club and acted in two award winning plays; Shakespeare's "The Man who married the dumb wife" and Oscar Wilde's "Importance of Being Ernest". He acted in major roles along with Ghanthi McIntyre, (who visited Toronto a few years ago) in both plays.

Mr. Jeayanathan pursued his career in the accounting profession by joining the Chartered Accountancy program. He migrated to Canada in 1972 and worked in the Ontario Public Service for the Ministry of Finance.

Twenty five years ago, when the association was formally inaugurated, Mr. Jeayanathan was unanimously elected as the First President to lead a team of eleven members. He continues to serve as an executive committee member of the association ever since. He conducted many successful events for the association as chairman of the sub-committees for the Dinner Dance and "Mathiya Theepam" (a variety entertainment show) for several years. He follows the secret of "Centralism" in his approach, which taught him the importance of understanding differing views, compromise in solving challenging issues, tolerance and respect for each other.

It is our great pleasure and honor to welcome Mr. Krish Jeayanathan and Mrs. Pathmini Jeayanathan to our Silver Jubilee Dinner Dance celebrations tonight.

Our Guests of Honor Tonight

Jaffna Central College Old Boys' Association of Canada would like to share the word of gratitude with our loving teachers on behalf of all the old students around the globe, as we have always been very grateful to all of you. As the association reached its 25th year many of you played a significant role in building this association to this stature, as advisors, executive and honorary members since its inception.

Teachers lay the foundation of knowledge and education in every person's life. They not only educate us, but also teach us the lesson of life and prepared us for the world outside. They might have been strict disciplinarians and yet always so approachable, equally caring like a friend.

While we remember and respect all the teachers in our life, we have the privilege of honoring the following teachers who are here in Canada, with us.

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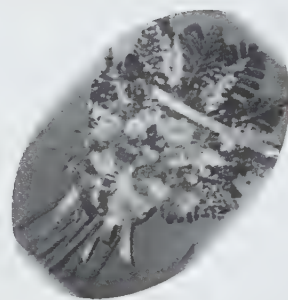
In Memoriam

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His productive service earned him the love and respect of the community in Jaffna and India.

The demand for his professional service was overwhelming but Sivapragasam Master met them with a smile.

We pray for his soul to rest in peace in the hands of God.

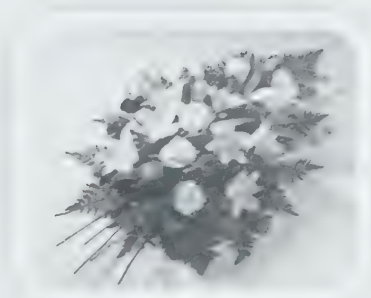


In Memoriam

Tribute to Late Mr V G J Sabanathan Well Known English & Scout Teacher.

Late Mr V G J Sabanathan, who was an English and Scout Teacher. He was a brilliant English teacher with extraordinary talents. He was the teacher of several prominent scientists, engineers, doctors and many more professionals in the national and international arena.

Late Mr Sabanathan was also well known for promoting Scouts activities at JCC. He has participated in many Scouts jamboree and Scouts camps with JCC students with his big smile on his face. He was a lovable teacher at JCC.

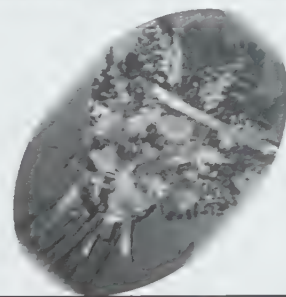


Tribute to late Mr V Balasuntharam Well Known Principal.

Outstanding Principal (1983-1990) and Chemistry Teacher who Contributed to the Preservation of JCC's Position as a Leader in the Academic Arena.

Balasuntharam Master commenced his work as a chemistry teacher in the mid fifties and retired in 1990 as the principal of JCC. He taught chemistry to both SSC and HSC students and occasionally taught mathematics to HSC students. He was a brilliant chemistry teacher with extraordinary talents and taught several students who excelled in the fields of medicine, engineering and science. He was the teacher of several prominent scientists, engineers and doctors in the national and international arena.

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Felicitation to
Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Dr. Murugesu Kumaradasan Gnanakanthan,
 MBBS, MS, MRCS, FCSSL
(Proudly Presented by the Class of 1988-JCC)

The Jaffna Central College, Old Boys' Association of Canada (OBA – Canada) pays tribute to an eminent cardiothoracic surgeon and a true son of Jaffna Central College (JCC), Dr. Murugesu Kumara-dasan Gnanakanthan.

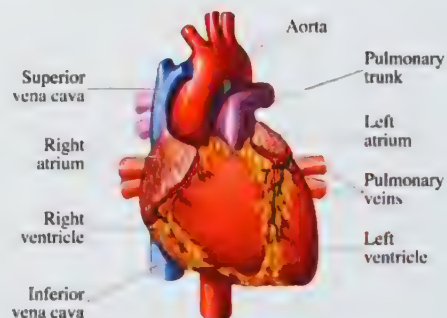
A student travelled from Neerveli, a farming village of Jaffna, Dr. Gnanakanthan completed his primary and secondary education at Jaffna central college (1980– 1988). He is a bright but, simple and modest personality. He passed his G.C.E (O / L) examination with the best results at the school and topped the list with the highest aggregate of marks in G. C. E (A/L) Bioscience stream in the Jaffna District Schools. He was the Senior Prefect at school for the period from 1987 to 1988, and a regular contributor to "The Central Explorer" a scientific magazine published annually by the JCC. He is also a keen cricket lover, and enjoys all the sports activities of Central.

He started his university education at Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo in 1989/90 academic year. Dr. Gnanakanthan has been in the field of medical profession for nearly two decades and serving the people of Sri Lanka in various capacities. Having completed his MBBS degree in 1997 with a superior performance being the 1st in the batch, he started his career at the National Hospital of Sri Lanka. While serving his early career in Colombo, he received the Master of Surgery degree at Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, at the University of Colombo in 2003 and earned the highest ranking with Gold medal in both (Bachelors and Masters) examinations. These achievements enhanced his ability to be the specialist of Cardiothoracic Surgery.

Dr. Gnanakanthan completed his overseas training by acquiring new sets of skills and expertise at Cardiac Centre of Oxford Radcliffe Hospital, University of Oxford and Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children, London. (One of the five transplant centers in the UK). Dr. Gnanakanthan also obtained the MRCS qualification to his illustrious career in 2007 from Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

Dr. Gnanakanthan started practicing as a Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon at the National Hospital of Sri Lanka upon his return to Sri Lanka in 2008. In 2009, Dr. Gnanakanthan was awarded a fellowship in aortic surgery at the Austin Hospital, Melbourne, Australia.

Dr. Gnanakanthan made the long-lasting, significant impact in the epoch in 2017 while he was working at the Teaching Hospital in Kandy. He played the important role in the team of doctors to perform the first ever heart transplant successfully in the medical history of Sri Lanka. He performed the implantation of donor's heart to an end-stage heart failure patient (recipient) to international standards, precisely following the protocols and guidelines of the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation (ISHLT). The term implantation in cardiology is known as "removing the diseased heart and planting the donor – heart into recipient's chest".



Dr. Gnanakanthan is also interested in the thoracic aortic surgery and has completed a significant number of operations. Dr. Gnanakanthan's area of expertise includes: adult and pediatric cardiac surgery, general thoracic surgery, and peripheral vascular surgery and he is also interested in Mitral valve repair and Aortic root and arch surgery. Dr. Gnanakanthan is a member of: Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburg, the UK; College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka; Sri Lanka Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation; and Sri Lanka Heart Association. He is also a Fellow in Cardiac Surgery, Austin Hospital, and Melbourne, Australia.

Dr. Gnanakanthan has contributed to several national and international conferences and published a significant number of scholarly articles both in national and international journals. He also transfers his knowledge and wealth of experience to the new bred doctors specializing in Cardiac surgery through teaching and mentoring. He was awarded merit scholarship for his higher education and he won gold medals for the best performance in bachelors and postgraduate studies.

Dr. Gnanakanthan is the older son of late Mr. Murugesu Kumaradasan and Mrs. Saraswathy Kumaradasan .He is married to Baheerathy and blessed with two beautiful children. At present, Dr. Gnanakanthan continues to provide his service to the people of Sri Lanka as a senior consultant cardiothoracic surgeon at the Teaching Hospital in Kandy.

As Dr. Christiaan Barnard – the doctor who performed the world's first successful human heart transplant said "The prime goal of a treatment is to alleviate suffering, and not to prolong life", Dr. Gnanakanthan, you have helped improve many suffering patients to lead a healthy life. OBA – Canada wholeheartedly appreciates you for all the services that you have provided to the people of Sri Lanka. OBA – Canada is also obliged for all the honors and accolades that you bring to the very school – we all love and extends its sincere gratitude for keeping the "Choc & Blue" flag flying high. Your legacy remains for several decades to come and inspires many including the budding centralities. OBA – Canada wishes you a happy and healthy life and greets you in all your future endeavors.

From Wikipedia.....

A heart transplant, or a cardiac transplant, is a surgical transplant procedure performed on patients with end-stage heart failure or severe coronary artery disease when other medical or surgical treatments have failed.

Approximately 3500 heart transplants are performed every year in the world, more than half of which occur in the US. Post-operation survival periods average 15 years. Heart transplantation is not considered to be a cure for heart disease, but a life-saving treatment intended to improve the quality of life for recipients.

Not having a human donor heart available, James D. Hardy of the University of Mississippi Medical Center transplanted the heart of a chimpanzee into the chest of a dying Boyd Rush in the early morning of Jan. 24, 1964. Hardy used a defibrillator to shock the heart to restart beating. This heart did beat in Rush's chest for 60 to 90 minutes (sources vary), and then Rush died without regaining consciousness.

Norman Shumway is widely regarded as the father of heart transplantation, although the world's first human-to-human heart transplant was performed by South African cardiac surgeon Christiaan Barnard utilizing the techniques developed and perfected by Shumway and Richard Lower. Barnard performed the first transplant on Louis Washkansky on December 3, 1967, at the Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa.





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பாடசாலைக் காலம் பல நல்ல நிகழ்வுகளினதும், சில கசப்பான சம்பவங்களினதும் ஒரு நினைவோடைத் தொகுப்பு. நினைவோடையில் நீந்தும் இப்போது அதில் ஈடுசெய்ய முடியாத ஒரு துயரச் சம்பவம் என்று சொல்லும்படியாக ஒன்று நடந்தது. அது பாடசாலையில் நாங்கள் எல்லாருமே வெள்ளைச் சீருடையில் பெரிய வானமொன்றில் சின்னச் சிறகுகளோடு பறக்கும் கனவுகளில் மிதந்துகொண்டிருந்த நேரம் வெள்ளைச் சீருடையில் விழுந்து அழிக்கவே முடியாமல் போன ரத்தக்கறை.

விபுல், இந்தப் பெயருடைய எங்கள் பள்ளிக்கால வகுப்பு நண்பன். படிக்கிற காலத்திலேயே அசாத்தியமான அடையாளங்களோடு பல்துறை ஆளுமையுள்ள ஒரு மாணவனாக இருந்தவன். மாணவத்தலைவன்(Prefect). மிருதங்க வாத்தியக் கலைஞன் சிறந்த கூடைப்பந்தாட்ட விளையாட்டு வீரன் (Basket Ball player). பாடசாலை அளவில் சென்ஜோன்ஸ் அம்புலன்ஸ் பொறுப்பாளர். சிறந்த மேடப்பேச்சாளன். மாணவ அணியில் அரசியல் முன்னெடுப்புகள் செய்து கொண்டிருந்தவன்.

மறுபடியும் சொல்கிறேன் நல்லாசக் கவனியுங்கள் இதையெல்லாம் படிக்கிற காலத்திலேயே செய்துகொண்டிருந்தவன். அதுதான் அதிசயம்.

அந்த அதிசயம் பின்நாட்களில் சமுதாயத்துக்கு ஒரு முன்னோடியைத் தரலாம் என்ற உத்தரவாதங்கள் நிறையவே இருந்த காலத்தில். ஒருநாள் காலை வழக்கம் போல ஒவ்வொரு நாள் காலை போலவும். எல்லாப் பாடசாலைநாள் போலவும்தான் இருந்தது. அப்போது உயர்தர விலங்கியல்ப் பிரிவில் படித்துக்கொண்டிருந்த விபுலுக்கும் அப்படித்தான் இருந்திருக்க வேண்டும். ஆனால் விதி வேறுவிதமாக அவனுக்குக் கோடுகள் வரைந்து வைத்து ஒரு முடிவையே கொடுக்கக் காத்திருந்தது.

அன்றைய நாள் யாழ் மத்திய கல்லூரியின், வரலாற்றில் வெளிச்சங்கள் சகலதும் அணைக்கப்பட்ட ஒரு இருண்டுபோன நாள். அன்றுதான் ஒல்லாந்தர் கோட்டை ராணுவ முகாம் பக்கமிருந்து காற்றைக்கிழித்துக்கொண்டு எங்கிருந்தோ தேடிவந்த ஒரு தானியங்கித்துப்பாக்கி ரவை மாணவ தலைவனாக ஒரு வகுப்பறை மாணவர்களை அமைதி ஒழுங்கில் சிதறவிடாமல் கவனித்துக்கொண்டிருந்த விபுலை, எங்கள் பாடசாலையில் மேல்மாடி வகுப்பறையொன்றின் வாசலில் வைத்தே. கொடூரமான யுத்தத்துக்கு ஈவிரக்கமின்றி காவுவேண்டி விட்டது.

விபுல் என்ற பொன்னம்பலம் விபுலானந்தன் பற்றிய நினைவுகள் எங்களோடு ஒன்றாகப் படித்து இன்றைக்கு உலகமெல்லாம் சிதறி வாழும் பள்ளிக்கால நண்பர்கள் எல்லாரிடமும் பசுமையாக இருக்கும் என்று நினைக்கிறேன். விபுல் எனக்கு மிகவும் நல்ல ஒரு நண்பன். அது என்ன என்று கீழே சொல்கிறேன். முதலில் விபுல் துப்பாக்கிச்சன்னம் பாய்ந்து கொல்லப்படும்படியான ஒரு ஏதுநிலையை உருவாக்கி வைத்திருந்த பாடசாலையின் ground situation என்று சொல்லும் சுற்றுவட்டார களநிலைமையைப் பற்றிப் பேசவேண்டிய தேவை தவிர்க்கமுடியாமல் இருக்கிறது.

விடுதலைப் போராட்டமும் அது உருவாக்கிய உள்நாட்டு யுத்தமும் அகோரமாக நடந்துகொண்டிருந்த காலத்தில்தான் யாழ் மத்திய கல்லூரி நகரப் பள்ளிக்கூடத்தில் படிக்க வேண்டிய ஒரு காலகட்டம் அப்போது இருந்தது. அந்த நகரப் பள்ளிக்கூடம்தான், நிலவியல்படி இருந்த இடமே முக்கியமான அவலங்களை உருவாக்கும் அமைவிடம். அதுக்கு அண்மையில் இருந்த ஒல்லாந்தர் கோட்டை அப்போது முக்கிய ராணுவமுகாம் ஆக இருந்தது.

அதன் ஒரு பக்கம் பண்ணைக்கடல், மற்றைய மூன்று திசைகளிலும் ஒருபக்கம் சுப்பிரமணியம் பூங்கா. நடுக்கொள்ள கரண் திரையரங்கம். மேற்கில் தொலை தொடர்பு கட்டிடம் என்ற இந்த மூன்று முன்னரங்களிலும் இயக்கங்கள் காப்பரண் அமைத்து ராணுவத்தை கோட்டையை விட்டு வெளியேறாதவாறு சண்டைக்குக் காத்திருப்பார்கள்.

பாடசாலையின் முகப்பு பாபு ராஜேந்திரப்பிரசாத் வீதியில் பெரிய நீள்வட்ட மைதானத்துக்கு எதிராக இருந்தது. மைதானம் முழுவதும் இயக்கங்கள் கால்வைச்ச இறங்கமுடியாத அளவுக்கு கண்ணிவெடி.மிதிவெடி தாட்டு இருந்ததால் மைதானம் கைவிடப்பட்டு இருந்தது. முன் பக்கமாக இருந்த வகுப்பறை ஜன்னல்களுக்கு மொத்தமான மரப்பலகை அடிச்ச சன்னங்கள் உள்ளே வராதவாறு தடுப்புகள் போடப்பட்டு இருந்தது.

முக்கியமான உள்நுழைவு முன் வாசல் துப்பாக்கித் துண்டு எறிகணை வீச்சு வட்டத்துக்குள் இருந்ததால் அதைப் பாவிக்காமல் பின்பக்கமாக மாணவர் விடுதி (Hostel) இருந்த பக்கமாக ஒரு பாதையைத் திறந்து அதனுடாகவே நாங்கள் உள்ளேவர

வேண்டிய நிலைமை இருந்தது. ராணுவம் வெளியே வர முன்னேறும் ஒவ்வொரு சண்டைக்கு முன்னும் அகோர மோட்டார் செல் எறிகணை மழை இரண்டு பக்கமும் துப்பாக்கிச்சூடுகள் என்ற அந்த இடமே யுத்தமுனையாக மாறி அதிரும்.

அப்படியான நேரங்களில் பாடசாலை வகுப்புக்கள் இடைநிறுத்தப்பட்டு நாங்கள் எல்லாம் பின்பக்கம் இருந்த வாசலால் துண்டைக்காணோம் துணியைக் காணோம் என்று உயிரைப்பிடிச்சுக்கொண்டு ஓடித்தப்புவோம். அது அடிக்கடி நடக்கும். பல மாணவர்கள் இந்தப்பயத்தால் வேறு பாடசாலைகளுக்கே மாறிப்போய்விட்டார்கள். அப்படியான அமளிதுமளி ஏதுமில்லாத ஒரு நாளின் அதிகாலையில் தான் விபுல் கொல்லப்பட்டான். சன்னம் பாய்ந்து ரத்தம் வழிய வழிய தாறுமாறாக முதலுதவி பற்றி எதுவுமே தெரியாத நண்பர்கள்தான் தூக்கிக்கொண்டு அருகில் இருந்த பெரியாஸ்பத்திரிக்கு கொண்டுவந்து சேர்த்தார்கள்.

முதுகுத் தண்டுவடத்தில் சன்னம் பாய்ந்து நிறைய ரத்தப்பெருக்கு. உடலில் உள்ள உள்அங்கங்கள் காயப்பட்டு ரத்தப்பெருக்கு வந்தால் அதை "internal bleeding" என்று சொல்லுவார்கள். உண்மையில் அதுதான் ரத்தப்போக்கை நிறுத்துவதற்கும் கடினமான அதே நேரம் நிறைய மருத்துவக் குழப்பங்களையும் உருவாக்கிவிடும். அந்த நேரமே அவசரகால சிகிச்சை அறையில் வைத்து நண்பன் சி.பிரபா (S.Piraba) ரத்தம் கொடுத்ததும் அதை ஏற்றியும் ஒன்றுமே செய்யமுடியவில்லை. ரத்தம் கொடுத்த பிரபா மயங்கி விழுந்ததுதான் மிச்சம். அவசர வைத்திய சிகிச்சை டாக்டர்கள் கையை விரிக்க விபுல் போயே போய்விட்டான்.

விபுல் அமைதியான தோற்றமுடையவன். அவன் கன்னங்கள் அமுல் பேபி போல பொம்மியபடி இருக்கும். சிலநேரம் அவன் சிரிக்கும் போது அது இன்னொரு படி மேலே போய் எல்லோரையும் மயக்கிவிடும். ஒரு இடத்தில் நிக்காமல் எப்பவுமே ஓடிக்கொண்டிருக்கும் அவன் மிகவும் உற்சாகமாக ஒரு பாடசாலை நாளை அவணாகவே தொடங்குவான். வகுப்பறையில் அவனைப் பார்க்கவே அந்த உற்சாகம் எங்களுக்கே தொற்றிவிடும்.

அவன் மிருதங்கம் வாசித்துக்கொண்டு இருந்தது எங்களுக்குச் சிரேஸ்ட மாணவர்களாக இருந்த ஆனந்தராஜா, ஜோய் பூரணச்சந்திரன். நந்தா நடத்திய இசைக்குழுவில், நான் நினைக்கிறேன் பாடசாலையில் படித்துக்கொண்டிருந்தவர்கள் யாழ்ப்பாணத்தில் அந்த நேரம் நடத்திய ஒரேயொரு இசைக்குழு அதுவொன்றே. யாழ் மத்திய கல்லூரி என்ற அந்தப் பாடசாலை எப்பவுமே இப்படியான அதிசயங்களை செய்துகொண்டுதானிருக்கும். அந்த இசைக்குழு மேடை நிகழ்ச்சிகளில் நடக்கும் சம்பவங்களை எங்களுக்கு வந்து பகிடியாக சொல்லி எல்லாரையும் சிரிக்கவைப்பான்.

அவன் கோவித்ததோ, அவனிலை யாரும் கோவித்ததோ ஒருநாளும் கண்டதில்லை. அவ்வளவாக எல்லோரோடும் நெருங்கிவந்து நட்பாக கதைக்கும் சிநேகமானவன்.

என்னுடைய வீடு. நல்லூர் கோவிலுக்கு அருகில் இருந்தது. அந்தக் கோவில் இருபத்திஐந்து நாள் திருவிழாவுக்கும் என் வீட்டுக்கு அண்மையாக விதியை மறித்து தடை போட்டு இருப்பார்கள். என் பள்ளிக்கால நண்பர்கள் எல்லாருமே எங்கள் வீட்டில்தான் சைக்கிளை வைத்துவிட்டு கோவிலடிப்பக்கம் போவார்கள். விபுல் பொருண்மிய விட்பனை நிலையத்துக்கு வருவான். அதில் அவன் பகுதிநேரம் வேலை செய்தான். வரும் போது எங்கள் வீட்டில்தான் சைக்கிளை வைத்துவிட்டுப் போவான்.

பின்னர் பின்னிரவுகளில் திரும்பிவரும் போது சைக்கிளை எடுத்து அதில் சாஞ்சுகொண்டு நின்று என்னோடு எப்போதுமே கொஞ்சநேரம் கதைப்பான். அதில் அரசியல் இருக்கவே இருக்காது. அரசியலைத் தவிர மற்றது எல்லாம் கதைப்போம். ஏனென்றால் அப்போதெல்லாம் வேற வேறு அரசியல் கொள்கைகளை ரகசியமாக நாங்கள் எல்லோருமே பின்பற்றிக்கொண்டு இருந்தோம். அல்லது இப்போது உண்மையாகவே சொல்வதென்றால் எங்களை நாங்களே ஏமாற்றிக்கொண்டிருந்தோம் என்றுதான் சொல்லவேண்டும்.

விபுலின் இறுதி மரணச்சடங்கு கோம்பயன்மணல் இந்து மயானத்தில் நடந்தது. அப்போது மாணவ அமைப்பின் யாழ்மாவட்ட தளபதி வந்து அவனுக்கு இறுதி மரியாதை செய்திருந்தார். அது அவன் எப்படி எல்லா மட்டத்திலையும் நேசிக்கப்பட்ட ஒருவன் என்பதை இயல்பாகவே வெளிக்காட்டியது.

விபுல், என்ற பொன்னம்பலம் விபுலாநந்தன், விடியலுக்கு முன்னமே விழுந்துவிட்ட துருவ நட்சத்திரம். அவன் நிறைவேறாத கனவுகள் என்னவென்று இப்போது சொல்லமுடியவில்லை. இப்படித்தானே வாழ்க்கையில் பலரை பாதிவழியினுள் பறிகொடுக்கும் படியான ஒரு யுத்த நிலைமையில் வாழ்ந்து கடக்கும்படியாக நிலைமைகள் ஒரு காலத்தில் இருந்ததே. எப்படியோ விபுல், எங்கள் எல்லார் நினைவிலும் அந்த அமுல்பேபி கன்னச் சிரிப்புடன் கதைத்துக்கொண்டுதான் இருக்கிறான்.

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The Birth of the Jaffna Central College, Old Boys Association in Canada

Krish Jayanathan

(Old Boy and President OBA Canada 1992-94)

As the first President of the Jaffna Central College OBA in Canada I am deeply honoured and humbled to give brief detail of its birth in Canada. I am very proud to be part of a group of Jaffna Central college (JCC) old boys who were instrumental in the launching of the Association in Canada. I can proudly say that this group who was so enthusiastic and determined in forming an association is no other than a team of cricketers who had made Canada their home after the 1983 communal troubles in Sri Lanka.

I considered it a great privilege and honour when these schoolmates of mine, especially the Late Jeya Kanaganayagam, Late Thirukumar and their team approached me and discussed their interest and keenness to inaugurate the association. We then contacted as many old boys and school teachers who had also made Canada their home and lived in Toronto. They were very supportive of our decision and gave us all the encouragement to go ahead with our plans.

Our first inaugural meeting was held with great enthusiasm at a Church Hall in Toronto on the 10th of October, 1992. It was well attended by many teachers and old boys, young and old. I consider it to be a great honour to have been elected the first President of the Jaffna Central College Old Boys' Association of Canada. The 1st committee meeting was held on the 5th of November 1992 my residence. At this meeting Mr. Pararajasigham who was one of the vice presidents in the 1st committee agreed to draw up the constitution and it was also decided that the association would be registered as non profit organisation, focussing more on the aspects of service orientation.

One of the main objectives of the Association was to maintain contact with the principal and the school, offering support and providing assistance in helping them maintain the high standard of the school. Association also was to help deserving students and teachers of the school to further their academic pursuits. With these objectives in mind we hosted our 1st Annual Dinner dance in the fall of 1993 and the 2nd in the fall of 1994. On both these occasions we were overwhelmed by the support and encouragement shown by the members and well wishers. We are very grateful to them for their participation and would like to thank them for their generous contributions which enabled us to make our First donation of \$5,000 to our school in the year 1994.

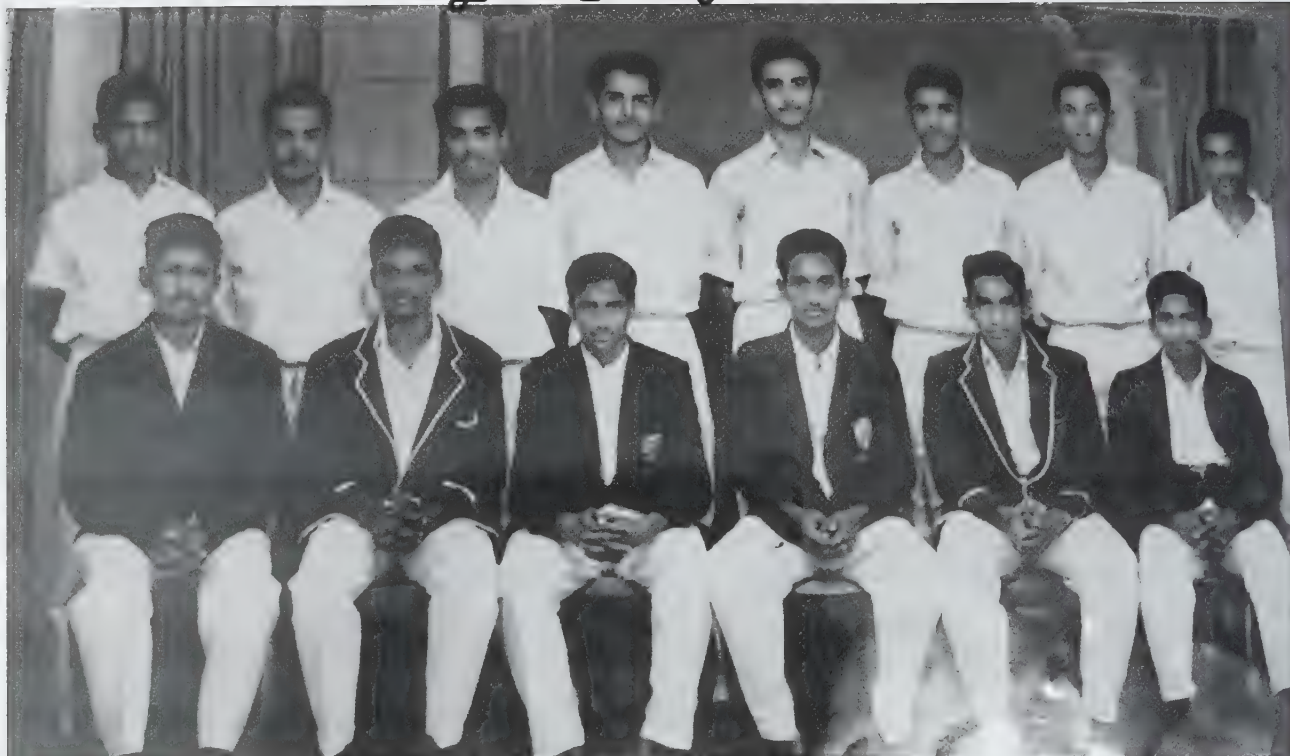
Since we started our Association in late 1992 we have been successful in widening our scope to accommodate the many objectives of our constitution. It did not stop with Big Match and Dinner Dance alone, the activities expanded to Annual Picnic, Cultural Events, Scholarship Funds and Humanitarian activities.

I am confident that even though we face many challenges in the development of the school, with the support of the JCC old boys around the world, we can continue to build a stronger Central with quality education and sports.

As the association turned into its 25th Year, I am proud to say that many energetic young members have joined the current executive committee and I am privileged to work with them.

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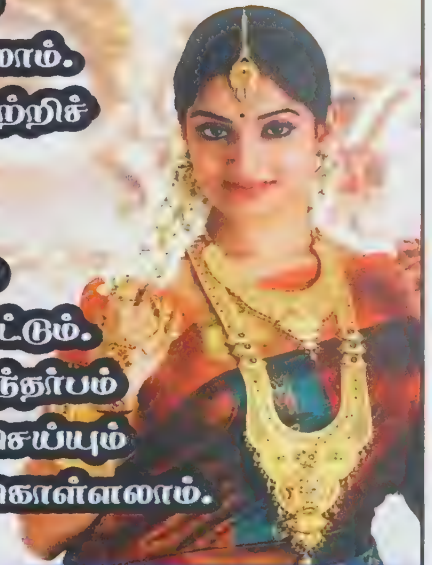
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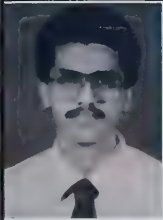
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Message from Secretary



Indeed, it is a pleasure and privilege to address the old boys' fraternity of Jaffna Central College as its newly inducted Secretary to the Canada OBA.

Our beloved college is a renowned educational institute in the Northern

Province and served for its people for centuries with dedication and quality. That is why we, the old boys who are operating in different social strata, are able to deliver our services to the country with pride and honor in outstanding manner. It is the stark truth and reality that we have been able to deliver our services to the country in this manner as well as lead a contended private life due to the great path finding services rendered by our college. In such a context our past teachers and principals come to the forefront and we have to continue giving them our utmost respect. This great institution would have not been so immaculate without their great contributions but also the great support extended by the Old Boys Associations attached to our college from all parts of the world. Therefore, I take this opportunity to salute the great personalities of those who have come forward to serve our old boys associations in the past.

OBA of the Jaffna Central College, Canada branch existed and rendered great service to our college as well as its membership for the last 25 years. In the past we have been able to deliver multifaceted services to the college as well as the community back in Sri Lanka and in Canada. The association provides its services at the expense of its funds collected from various programmes. Therefore, true congratulations must go to the members and well-wishers of this association who has come forward to rally around with the Canada Branch.

Although we can talk with a satisfactory note of our association by looking at it retrospectively, but still it is a question and challenge for us whether we can lead our association to produce more results that can satisfy the demands of the 21st century. This means producing results for the college both in education and sports as well as for our membership. Keeping this in mind, the executive committee of the Canada Branch this year has come forward with a new program of actions to cater this challenge. One of the approaches of this program is to transform and equip the College with computers for primary school kids, attributes of 21st century education and support Edu-Care to help primary school scholarship programme. In addition to the educational support JCC OBA Canada extend its financial support for a kid who has been selected to play for Sri Lankan under 18 football team in Iran tournament. The above finance assistance helps expense of their air fair and visa fees. There were two kids selected for the above team and the other kid got financial assistance from OBA Sydney. They have gained a lot of knowledge and experience related to football as their team played against teams from China, Malaysia, Iran and Thailand.

I am quite sure, and I would wish at the end of the official tenure of this executive committee, you may be able to experience and enjoy a different taste of our branch association with true satisfaction.

Nevertheless, none of these wishful commitments may have been able to transform into reality, if it was not for our past school mates who decided to rally around with the Association. Therefore, my first appeal in this direction is towards the Centralites and I beg for you to obtain membership from our association, especially the young generation who have graduated from the college recently and settled in Canada. I wish you all well and satisfaction!

S. Pirabakaran

Secretary

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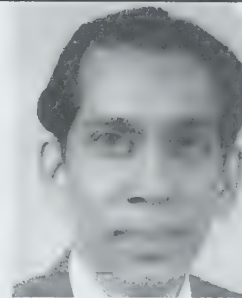
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Reminiscences of My School Days By Duncan C. Balrajah
Student at J.C.C (1945-1958)
President of Canada OBA 2003-2004



The Silver Jubilee celebration of Jaffna Central College OBA Canada Branch this year is a historical landmark everyone associated with it will be proud of. Being one among the pioneers of this association I am privileged to pen this article.

Before proceeding further I wish to present here the glorious days I had when Rev. C.A.Smith an Australian was the principal. As he served during Central during the major part of my schooling I was able to observe and appreciate his unique qualities and his administrative skills that enhanced the reputation of Central as a leading educational institution in the North. As a missionary, a builder and an able administrator he did yeoman service to the college and when he retired he left behind a rich legacy for Central to be remembered for ever.

Groomed by dedicated teachers Central excelled both in studies and sports. As student whose forte is cricket I made use of the opportunity provided under the efficient coaching of the late Mr. E.S Thambiah and represented the college first eleven cricket team. I also had the privilege of playing under two acclaimed captains R.K.V.Premachandra and Bunny Van Twest. Dharmarajah and I open the innings and set the trend for others to follow and reached a convincing total. Besides batting I was also the first change bowler. I wish to place on record here that in 1957, I captured 55 wickets and won my cricket colours and also my best blower's trophy. I am always indebted to my Alma Mater for the sound education provided, for grooming me as an all-round cricketer and transforming me into a wholesome personality to face challenges in life bravely and successfully.

After completing my studies, I left Central in 1958 and assumed duties as an Agrochemical Blending supervisor in the Shell company of Ceylon. While serving there I continued to play cricket and was fortunate to represent the Shell 'A' team in a mercantile tournament. Later when the Ceylon government nationalised the three oil companies in 1963 I joined the Ceylon petroleum corporation the following year and during my twenty years of service I represented the Petroleum corporation in the nationalised cricket tournament. In 1966, I was offered the captaincy of Petroleum 'B' team.

My service in the Petroleum corporation ended abruptly due to the ethnic riots that ravaged the country in 1983. I left the Petroleum corporation that year and migrated to Dubai with my family and served there as a Manager in the Transport Company. After a short stint there till 1986, we migrated to Canada and settled permanently as Canadian citizen. Though far away from my native country my concern for Central's welfare remained unblemished and I was on the look out for doing some thing beneficial for Central. By God's provident and opportunity came my way through my former teachers at Central the Late Mr. Jeyasingam and Late Mr. R.K. Rajasenan both of whom I met at the Late Mr. Jeyasingam's residents at Wesley Flats. While we reminisced the good old days, we had spent at Central I reminded them about the appreciable number of old Centralites settled in Canada particularly in Toronto.

In 1992 we formed the Jaffna Central College Old Boys' association Canada Branch and in 2003, I was elected as President of the association. I wish to mention here that for my services as President, Vice-President, Secretary and a committee member the association had honoured me with the presentation of an appreciation award.

I wish to take this opportunity to mention here the irreparable loss to our association due to the untimely demise of two of our founder members late Mr. Thirukumar and late Mr. Jeya Canaganayagam.

In conclusion, I also wish to mention that though I am not in the committee of office bearers I continue to attend all the functions and render all possible help to the association.

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An inspiring example of service to the community by Toronto Alumni's Jaffna Central College (JCC) and Vembadi Girl's High School (VOGA)

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A senior official from Sickkids Foundation had the following to say: We extend our sincere gratitude to the Toronto alumni's of Jaffna Central College and Vembadi Girls High School. Their generosity has allowed us to remain at the forefront of Paediatrics, integrating cutting-edge research, innovative education and world-class programs into patient care. With their steadfast support, we continue to empower our doctors and researchers to make significant advances which will lead to enhanced care for patients, new and better treatments and therapies, and future outcomes for children. Thank you for making an indelible mark on The Hospital for Sick Children.

In 2016, the alumni's Board of Directors decided to help The Heart and Stroke Foundation, Toronto. The mission of the foundation is to improve the health of Canadians by preventing and reducing disability and death from heart disease and stroke through research, health promotion and advocacy. During the annual walkathon in 2016 and 2017— the alumni's surpassed their fundraising goal. The dedication and team work by the board members, the membership, volunteers and donors have been very encouraging and inspiring. One is reminded of a quote by Margaret Mead: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has"

The Heart & Stroke Foundation had the following to say: The success to which you have contributed goes far beyond the monetary value. It's the quality of the lives you have helped improve by contributing to our life saving research. You should feel truly proud of this accomplishment, as we feel truly honoured to have you with us in our fight against heart disease and stroke.

Finally and most importantly, the alumni's with the help of the membership at large, volunteers, donors and well-wishers will continue to be an inspiring example of service to the community. A special thanks to Mr. Yoganathan (Former President of JCCAlumni) - the brainchild of the first annual Walkathon-2000.

Article by: Esa Para Esananda (Life Member of JCC and VOGA)— Survivor of a Quadruple Bypass Open Heart Surgery (Nov, 2014)





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Nostalgias of My Hostel Life by M. Prapaharan

The Central Hostel was my home for 7 years from grade 6 to grade 12, located in the heart of Jaffna city. Like me, students from grade 6 to 12 were from all parts of the country and various religions stayed together under the same roof. The roots of multiculturalism began long before I laid my foot on Canadian soil. Life in a hostel made each student self-dependent, reliable, smart, active and disciplined.

During my stay at the hostel, we had two wardens who were schoolteachers as well. They made sure if the rules of the hostel were followed by each and every individual. On average, we had about 125-150 students at a time. It was impossible for wardens to look after everyone, so we had hostel prefects assisting us with their on going responsibilities.

Hostel prefects were selected from senior class students. Like school, we had a board of prefects and a head prefect and we called him SP (senior prefect). The SP and the prefects played a major role in our hostel life, such as tutoring, taking care of students in need, trying to defuse situations that normally arise among students. Most of the students look up to the SP and prefects for guidance and eventually they become their mentors. One of the biggest advantages of my hostel life was no shortage of tutors in every class to brush up my knowledge.

Like our school ground and blocks of classroom buildings, our hostel had huge land comprising a two-storey building with upper and lower dormitories. The upper dormitory for grade 6 to 10 and lower dormitory for A/L students. The warden's room, SP's room and prayer rooms were also in the lower dormitory. Across from the main building, there was big study hall and adjacent dining hall. We also had farmland and a tennis court which we never utilized because of its poor condition. However, the seniors from previous decades used it a lot.

The day-to-day schedule was composed of rules and regulations that were neither flexible nor breakable. We all had to wakeup at 5:00am regardless of the weekend or a public holiday; the SP starts our days by ringing the bell. By 6:00am, we should be ready for morning tea, prayer and proceed to study hall for morning study time until 7:30am. After morning study was dismissed, we get ready for breakfast and school. We come back for lunch break, again of course after school. Once we are back from school, after 4:00pm tea, we have play time till 6:00 pm. At 6:00 pm we should be at the evening prayer hall. Study time starts after evening prayer and will last till 7:30pm. Our daily dinner time was between 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Again, the next study time starts at 8:30pm and it will last another hour. We all go to bed around 10pm. During study time, a scheduled hostel monitor will make sure that everyone was in the study hall. This is how we prepared ourselves for the real world. At home, things were optional, at hostel your options are limited.

Besides the routines, we had to do a lot of work by ourselves like taking care of our belonging, washing our clothes, arranging our beds etc. Like home, we also had dhobi (laundryman) and barber services frequently. These helped us to be self-reliant. We learned what is right and what is wrong through the process. Here, we did not depend on our parents. We depend on ourselves. Senior students guided all the children. Hostel life made the students life regular and systematic.

Let's not forget that various types of students were found in a hostel. Some were very studious; they always remain busy in their studies. Some were mischievous; they give little time to studies. They spent their time moving around, playing and bullying others or making fun of others. We had ragging to some degree; some

senior students make fun of juniors or new comers but never heard anyone was hurt or rejected their hostel life. We all felt homesick at some point; of course, just in first few weeks of hostel live.

At the beginning, we counted down the remaining days to get back home, no phone calls or face time to contact with home. But, eventually, we counted down the days of school holidays to go back to the hostel. Our homesickness died as the days passed.

Another big lesson we learned in hostel was never make complaints about food. At home, we used to complain to our parents for not making a particular dish, but during our hostel years we do not have choices. Now our wives or parents must be realizing that I am eating whatever they make without uttering a single complaint. I wouldn't argue we had great food, but compared to my friend's experience from other hostels, we had the best typical Jaffna non-veg cuisine which was made with fresh ingredients directly from the Thirunelveli and Pannai markets. Meals were extra special during cricket games, especially when we were hosting cricket teams from far south Sinhala schools in our hostel.

Weekends, like everyone else are the most sought days of the week. Since we were in the Central hostel, Jaffna's best sporting venue was in our front yard and if no official games were being played, that venue became our yard to play. Every weekend morning, we had either a cricket or soccer tournament played among hostel boys; we divided the teams based on classes or geographical regions where the students are from.

We took advantage of Central's proximity in every way. Once a month, we were permitted to go to movies, and luckily almost all the cinema theaters were in walking distance from us. I can still recall all the movies we watched. We were lucky enough to watch lots of football tournaments that took place in Duraiappah Stadium, our district's famous bull cart race in open ground (Muththaveli ground) and Inter school athletic tournaments from our school ground. We are always thankful to Central for giving us Jaffna's Famous Children's park which in our front yard and if you walk few more yards, Jaffna Public Library. These were part of our weekend routine. We also watched many shows from Jaffna Open Air Theater and Veerasingham Hall. Jaffna's iconic and only clock tower was seen from our hostel beds. Our school staffs and hostel wardens were very generous to give us permissions to go to many events and attractions.

Once a year, we had hostel days. For this, we had competitions, debates and tournaments prior to the event. Hostel day was compared to our annual A/L dinner but we didn't invite guests from other schools. We decorated the study hall and hallways, since it's our home; it requires lots of preparations like hosting an event at home. For the hostel day, we invited a chief guest, principal and schoolteachers. In the event, there were student presentations, prizes followed by a formal dinner.

Students faced life practically on their own in our hostel. Life in a hostel instilled confidence in us. We developed our personality. We learned to face problems in life, how to be self-disciplined and punctual. We developed a feeling of respect for other religions and culture. We learned to help and cooperate one another. We learned social etiquette and lead a better and disciplined life. Hostel life has helped us to develop many good virtues that paved our way for being good citizens we are today.

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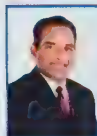


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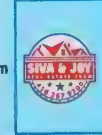
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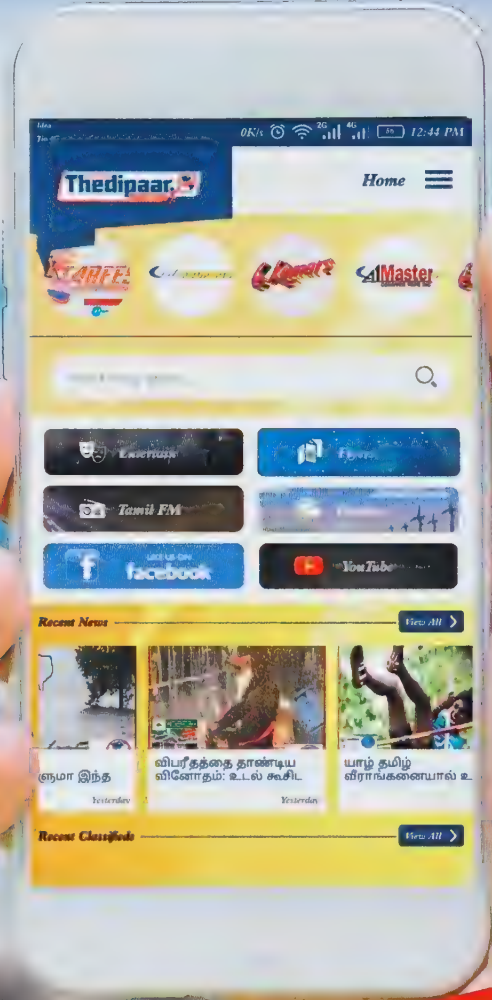
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♦ Assistance to the School and Needy Students

Students In Need (SIN) Project & Other assistance to school **\$22,452.00**

Computer Project – supplied 40 computers with the help of Homes of Hope Life Enrichment Centre **\$13,800.00**

Assistance to Sports and Extracurricular activities **\$4,320.00**

Jaffna Central Soccer player was played in Iran for Sri Lankan National team (under 18) **\$1,100.00**

Allocated **\$2,395.00** for Edu Care Trust in 2017

Allocated **\$3,600.00** for computer Project – 12 computers to school in 2017

♦ Scholarship Schemes

Joint Scholarship - Canada, UK, Sydney & Colombo OBA's held in Trust- **\$ 6,600.00**

University of Jaffna - Entrance Bursary held in Trust - **\$6,600.00**

♦ Bi-Centennial Scholarship Fund Canada - 2016

Allocated **\$10,000.00** from the proceeds of Bi-Centennial Celebrations held in September 2016.

♦ Humanitarian Assistance to Service Organizations

A Total of **\$14,000.00** has been donated to the following organizations to-date.

Canadian Red Cross

St. Peter's Church Jaffna Building Fund

Ramakrishna Missions Orphanage, Batticaloa,

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Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation Livelihood Project, Methodist Church, Point-Pedro.

Manithaneyam Trust-(2011)-Resettlement of Internally Displaced Children

Tree planting project-Vanni District

Manithaneyam Trust (2016) Assistance to construct a conventional well in Moongilaru a small village in Mullaitivu District. There are 10 families living without water facilities. (Total cost \$2,800 50% shared by VOGA, Canada)

♦ Joint Annual Walk-A-Thon with VOGA Canada -Fundraiser

2000 - 2015 - In aid of the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children Foundation and raised a cumulative total donations amounting to **\$51,314.00**

Since 2016 - Heart and Stroke Foundation is our charity of choice and we have raised a total of **\$10, 428.00** in donations to-date.

LATE MR.E.S.THAMBIAH - FROM PRESIDENT'S MEMORY

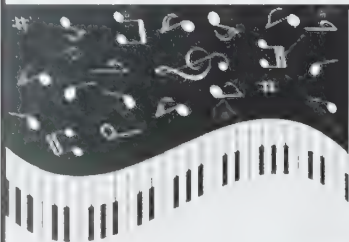


We all call him fondly as Selvarajah master. A tall gentleman with a sweet smile and cracking jokes always. Our coach, mentor, a teacher, past captain and a starter in all athletic meets. Selvarajah master captained JCC's 1st eleven cricket team in 1946 and became a teacher after schooling. He retired from Central in mid 1980s. I think he associated with Central for nearly 50 years as a student and teacher. What a lovely person he was. He produced superb cricketers and athletes of Central in his time. R.K.V.Premachandra, M.Sivaratnam, Jeya Kanaganayagam, Donald Ganeshakumar, A.Patkunarajah, D. Puradchidasan, R.Rajasingam, J.K.Premachandran, K.M.Shanthikumar, M.S.Nazeer, R.Naguleswaran, K.Thomas, Paul Pragalathan and V.Sutharsan are few stars I still can remember as his best products. I still wonder about some of his correct declarations given good chances to the opposition team too and he never failed. He knew very well about the accuracy of his bowlers.

He was the only person calls me by my Christian name JOB. His son Rajan and I were friends from grade 3 and I used to play cricket in their backyard. Rajan won 2nd place in National High jump competition in 1976. Selvarajah master's products Donald, Shanthi and Nagules represented SriLankan schools and made him so proud. Hundreds of cricketers and Athletes will never forget Selvarajah master and his coaching talent.

Thambiah family donated their house and land where he lived to JCC and now an Auditorium is being built at his land in memory of Thambiahs. This shows the love and affection they all have for Central.

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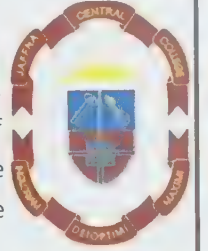


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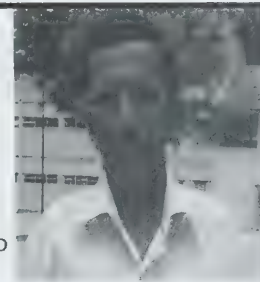
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Tribute to a Diehard Centralite

Late Mr. K. Mahendranathan



We are deeply saddened and shocked by the sudden demise of Mr. Mahendranathan who has rendered many services to the school for years.

As a proud old boy of Jaffna Central, he has played an integral part of old boys' association and was instrumental in many successful projects geared towards the development of the school. The beauty is that, he did all this without any restraint, retention or expecting returns. He exemplified what could be achieved by a person who is driven by sheer passion and dedication.

A kind-hearted gentleman, he showed tremendous enthusiasm and energy in whatever task he undertook. Even when approached for personal help, he never flinched but would go extra miles to help us. Many of us benefited by his invaluable and timely help, especially when he was working in the Railways.

An ardent sports fan, he would never miss an event if he is available in town and when he comes he never fails to make his presence felt. He had the ability to mingle with people easily regardless of age or status. He never missed an opportunity to encourage youngsters and to provide valuable advice. One of his most admirable qualities is his ability to see the better side of everyone and that is the secret how he held and maintained very good relationships with everyone. These qualities never compromised his determination and resolve to stand firm and voice his own convictions.

One of his major assets is his command in English and that made him an excellent communicator, in both spoken and written forms. He has used this ability to bring submerged issues to the surface, especially during the extenuating times in the Jaffna peninsula. This tendency prevailed until the very last day of his life. Over the last few months he was working tirelessly on a mission to document the historical and significant events and achievements of Central as a school and Centralites. For this purpose, he contacted many Centralites around the world. He took this initiative spontaneously but in retrospect we might tend to think that this is an effort with a foresight as he himself possessed a rich repository of information in his mind. The work he has done, accompanied with him until the very last moments of his life and we firmly hope that the work he has done will live for many years, reminding us of this great gentleman.

Despite all this external flair and flamboyance, he remained a loving husband and a caring father, ensuring their needs and aspiration are achieved. He always joked that he has a lover beside them: that is Jaffna Central College. Those who knew Mr. Mahendranathan, would not dispute that statement.

For many of us, it is difficult to absorb that Mr. Mahendranathan is no more, but that is the painful reality. Time dictates its own terms. We have lost a great friend, a reliable mentor and a true son of Jaffna Central. However, thoughts of him and his services will linger for many years to come.

We are grateful for his contributions to JCC. He remains a shining beacon in the minds and hearts of all the Centralites and his legacy will be remembered by his friends, Centralites and JCC staff. With a heavy heart, we bid farewell to Mr. Mahendranathan and extend our deepest sympathies to his family.

May his soul rest in peace.

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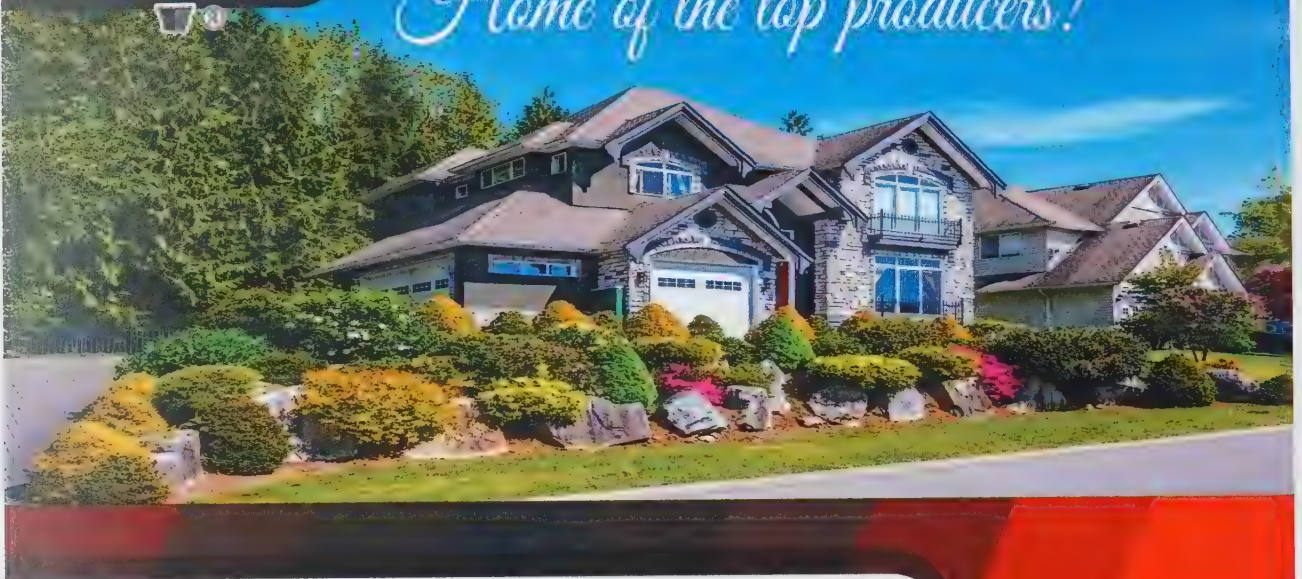
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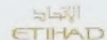
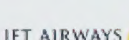
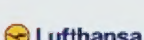
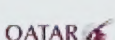
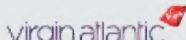
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